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08/26/2011 05:07 PM

To Kay Morrison
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Subject Re: topic areas for talk about Triangle Lake

Thanks Kay, I sure appreciate your effort in getting all this to me.

Have a great weekend, Lee

On Fri, Aug 26, 2011 at 2:50 PM, <Morrison.Kay@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:
> Lee, here are our answers to your questions - I understand from our
> press office in DC that they've been in touch with you.
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> I'd like a better understanding of how the study came about and how and
> when EPA became involved.
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> October 2007 - EPA first learned of the Pitchfork Rebellion's
> concerns and discussed by phone with the group's leaders. EPA
> recommended they share any relevant information including exposure
> incidents and diagnosed health affects
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> February 2010 - Pitchfork Rebellion petitions EPA Administrator Lisa
> Jackson, requesting a spray drift study and protective buffer zones
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> June 2010 - EPA participated in a listening tour, meeting residents
> and other stakeholders
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> September 2010 - EPA requested the assistance of ATSDR to assess
> residents' health concerns
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> March 2011 - Dr. Barr and residents announced the results of urine
> analysis, which showed levels of atrazine and 2, 4-D elevated above
> what is typically seen in the US population
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> May 2011 - EPA and ATSDR join Oregon's multi-agency pesticide
> exposure investigation
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> July 2011 - EPA, ATSDR and other state agencies participate in PARC's
> public meeting to describe the state's study design and answer
> resident's questions and listen to concerns.
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> August 2011 - Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division began
> recruiting participants in the exposure study
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> I'd also like to know what the EPA's roll is in the investigation going
> forward, which agency will take the lead,
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> The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Agency for Toxic
> Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) are participating in a
> multi-agency exposure investigation led by the Oregon Pesticide
> Analytic and Response Center (PARC). The study, which is starting
> this month, includes sampling of residents' drinking water,
> locally-grown and consumed food sources, soil, and urine.
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> The PARC study will establish a baseline in the exposure
> investigation. This will help determine whether pre-herbicide

> application exposures are of concern to public health.
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> The agencies are also assessing the need to sample air and surface
> water, both during and following herbicide applications, as this is
> when the possibility of offsite migration and exposure to herbicides
> is the greatest.
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> and what EPA's financial commitments are to the process.
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> To date, EPA has committed staff time and expertise to this issue and
> has traveled to Oregon and met with citizens, state agency
> representatives and other stakeholders and toured the study area. For
> the upcoming study, EPA Region 10 (Pacific Northwest) is providing
> technical support for the design and sampling, as well as collecting
> the environmental samples (water, soil, and food). Staff has traveled
> to Oregon for on-site visits, meetings, and field work
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> Our national Pesticides office will help you with your remaining
> questions.
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> Also, if we could talk generally about other similar studies or similar
> complaints about atrazine and 2,4 D around the country, that would be a
> help.
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> I'd also like to know what the possible outcomes are for this process,
> including any possible impact on the atrazine or 2.4 D labels. My
> understanding is that atrazine is currently undergoing re-registry and
> that this inquiry could have an impact.
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> From: Lee van der Voo (b) (6)
> To: Kay Morrison/R10/USEPA/US@EPA
> Date: 08/26/2011 11:32 AM
> Subject: Re: topic areas for talk about Triangle Lake
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> Great, thank you.
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> I did get an email back from HQ that provided a link to the atrazine
> review, but it was not responsive to my main question which is: how
> does what's happening here in Oregon affect that review?
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> I sent a follow email but haven't heard anything more. I appreciate
> your reaching out to them to see if they will come back with anything
> else.
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> Lee
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> On Fri, Aug 26, 2011 at 11:16 AM, <Morrison.Kay@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:
>> I've reached out to our colleagues in HQ with your questions and your
>> contact information. Let me know if you don't hear from anybody and
> I'll
>> pester them ...
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>> I understand the answers to your local questions are in the works. I,
> or
>> one of the folks here in the region, will be sending them to you
> today.
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>> From: Lee van der Voo (b) (6)
>> To: Kay Morrison/R10/USEPA/US@EPA
>> Date: 08/26/2011 10:20 AM
>> Subject: Re: topic areas for talk about Triangle Lake
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>> Thanks Kay, I haven't heard much back from HQ at all. It would be a
>> help if anyone in the region could fill me in. Lee
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>> On Fri, Aug 26, 2011 at 9:32 AM, <Morrison.Kay@epamail.epa.gov>
> wrote:
>>> No worries on the mixup Lee, I did the research so I sent it.
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>>> We're working on written answers to your questions and should be able
>> to
>>> get that to you today. Mark is out of the office today, so I'll be
>>> working with our Public Affairs Director Marianne Holsman (cc'd here)
>> to
>>> gather responses from our experts.
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>>> Your question about similar studies on these herbicides is probably
>> one
>>> for the program office (headquarters) - is that correct Marianne?
> I'll
>>> see if our press folks there can answer and get back to you.
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>>> From: Lee van der Voo (b) (6)
>>> To: Kay Morrison/R10/USEPA/US@EPA
>>> Cc: Mark Macintyre/R10/USEPA/US@EPA
>>> Date: 08/26/2011 09:24 AM
>>> Subject: Re: topic areas for talk about Triangle Lake
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>>> Oh, Kay, apologies. I just realized that it was you and not Mark who
>>> sent these links to me. Forgive me, I had just gotten off the phone
>>> with Mark when I received this and he mentioned he'd be sending links
>>> along. Sorry to scramble you guys.
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>>> Will I be hearing from anyone today on my more local questions? I'd
>>> still like a better understanding of how the Oregon public health
>>> study came about and how and when EPA became involved in it. I'd also
>>> like to know what the EPA's roll is in the investigation going
>>> forward, which of all the participating agencies will take the lead,
>>> and what EPA's financial commitments are to the process. Also, if we
>>> could talk about other similar studies or similar complaints about
>>> atrazine and 2,4 D around the country, I think that would help me put
>>> this story in context.
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>>> Possible to nail down these final details today?
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>>> Thanks much,
>>> Lee
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>>> On Thu, Aug 25, 2011 at 10:56 AM, Lee van der Voo (b) (6)
>>> wrote:
>>>> Mark, thanks so much. This is great stuff. Lee
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>>>> On Wed, Aug 24, 2011 at 6:02 PM, <Morrison.Kay@epamail.epa.gov>
>>>> wrote:
>>>>> (cc Mark MacIntyre and Dale Kemery)
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>>>>> Lee, I dug around the EPA website looking for information about the
>>>>> re-registration of Atrazine. It's not clear to me that all of these
>>>>> links are related to the re-registration of Atrazine, but they may
>>>>> get
>>>>> you to relevant information. I hope you'll find some useful nuggets
>>>>> in
>>>>> these links:
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>>>>> "Atrazine Updates" (
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>>>>> > http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/reregistration/atrazine/atrazine_update.htm
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>>>>> >>>>>) dated June 2011, includes
>>>>> Atrazine Evaluation Process (began fall 2009)
>>>>> Triazine Cumulative Risk Assessment (2006)
>>>>> Atrazine Post-RED Results
>>>>> Office of Pesticide Programs' Monitoring in Community Water

>>>> Systems
>>>> Ecological Watershed Monitoring Program
>>>> Cancer
>>>> Amphibians
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>>>> Here's the "docket" information for Atrazine (
>>>> <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/reregistration/atrazine/index.htm>)
>>>> contains links to the content at regulations.gov
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>>>> Here's some background information on reevaluation:
>>>> <http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/reevaluation/>
>>>> And on reregistration: <http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/reregistration/>
>>>> EPA's background page about regulating pesticides:
>>>> <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/regulating/>
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>>>> Here's the announcement of a new (2009) study of atrazine:
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<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/554b6abea9d0672f85257648004a88c1?OpenDocument>
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>>>> (2006) Decision Documents for Atrazine -
>>>> http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/REDs/atrazine_combined_docs.pdf
>>>> Combined PDF document consists of the following:
>>>> • Finalization of Atrazine IRED, and Completion of Tolerance
>>>> Reassessment and Reregistration Eligibility Process (April 6,
>> 2006)
>>>> • Revised Atrazine IRED (October 31, 2003)
>>>> • Atrazine IRED (January 2003)
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>>>> I hope this is useful.
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>>>> Cc: Mark Macintyre/R10/USEPA/US@EPA
>>>> Date: 08/24/2011 10:14 AM
>>>> Subject: Re: topic areas for talk about Triangle Lake
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>>>> Sounds great, thanks Kay.
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>>>> On Tue, Aug 23, 2011 at 6:00 PM, <Morrison.Kay@epamail.epa.gov>

>>> wrote:
>>>>> Thanks Lee, I'll call you as soon as I can get something scheduled
>>>>> with
>>>>> our subject matter experts.
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>>>>> Hi Kay,
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>>>>> Thanks for your help in organizing some interviews related to the
>>>>> Triangle Lake public health study.
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>>>>> The areas I would like to cover are these: I'd like a better
>>>>> understanding of how the study came about and how and when EPA
>>> became
>>>>> involved. I'd also like to know what the EPA's roll is in the
>>>>> investigation going forward, which agency will take the lead, and
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>>>>> understanding is that atrazine is currently undergoing re-registry
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>>>>> that this inquiry could have an impact.
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>>>>> I hope that helps. Please do be in touch and let me know when we
>> can
>>>>> talk.
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>>>>> Thanks again,
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